"FAIR ELECTION" TALK.

THE PETERSBURG CONFERENCE WELL UNDER WAY.

A Committee Appointed to Draft a Substitute for the Walton Bill - Prominent Republicans and Populists Present.

o'clock.

Anong those who are in nitendance are
Capt. Edmund R. Cocke, of Cumberland
county; Judge Buford, of Brimswick
county; General J. G. Field, of Albemarle
county; H. A. Muller, of the Virginia
Sun; J. Hampton Hoge, of Roanoke;
Major R. V. Gaines, of Charlotte; James
N. Weod, of Richmond.

DEBT STATEMENT ISSUED.

Shows Cousiderable Increase in the Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The debt state-sat issued this afternoon shows a net crease in the public debt, less cash in the Treasury, during July of £3, £5, £67. The interest-bearing debt increased \$31, £369; the non-interest bearing debts decased \$31, £25, and cash in the Treasury decreased \$8, £50, £22.

The balance of the several classes of bit at the close of business July 21st call.—The portion of the Harrisonburg fee; interest-bearing debt, £747, \$50, 400; debt, which interest has ceased since ma-Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, Aug. L.—The debt statement issued this afternoon shows a net increase in the public debt, less cash in the Treasury, during July of \$33,05,007.

The interest-bearing debt increased \$31,058,300 the non-interest-bearing debts decreased \$515,005, and cash in the Treasury decreased \$615,005,022.

The balance of the several classes of debt at the close of business July 31st were:

HENAS FLEMING GOES FREE.

Death of the Only Living Witness to the Mullens Massacre.

TOL, TENN., Aug. 1.-Special. death of Mrs. Wilson Mullens rer found Gap, Va., the only -five in all-in the spring he only thing that kept ing, the noted Virginia and Wilson's evidence the most damaging, was He was set at liberty.

REPORTED INSURGENT DEFEATS

An Order Prohibiting Publication of War News Until Confirmed by Government. MADRID, Aug. 1 .- An official dispatch with considerable loss in w with considerable loss in a the near Sagua, in which the er Hedriguez was killed.

A. Aug. 1.—A dispatch from reports that a Spanish column stain Guardados had a battle evening with a band of twenty-cents, under the rebel leader the estate of Guerrero. The e defeated, having one killed I womender. wounded. I gasette, issued to-day, con-er prohibiting the publication prior to its confirmation by authorities. operal Martinez Campos has

Trying to Produce Smokeless Powder,

August Weather on the Atlantie,

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 .- August will be good month for trans-Atlantic trav

Xaval Movements.

attor Philadelphia salled vester-Charleston, S. C., for Wilming-

The coast defence Monterey left Acalico, Mexico, for San Diego.

The Naval Academy practice ship Ranoft arrived this afternoon at Greenleh L. I., from Annapolis.

The Monican returned to Seattle, Wash,
esterday from a coal test.

NEW YORK, July 31 Seven members of agrous orders excluded from Ecuado rived here to-day on board the Colum

Puddlers Strike.

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Pittsburg, PA., Aug. 1.—The pudlers at the Cliver live and Steel Works and out on a strike this mornin. The ompany has been paying the Amakamatad association scale rates, but refused to ecognize the union.

The strike of the puddlers is for recognition as union men. The firm will give the puddlers an answer in a few days.

OF THE MILLS TO SUPPLY.

The Past Week Has Given Proof That the Feature of Improvement is Developing Stendily.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 1.-The Iron Trude Review says to-day:

The course of the iron market in the past three weeks has done much to allay fears of a too-rapid advance, followed by settling values. The week has given proof that the feature of improvement is de-

settling values. The week has given proof that the feature of improvement is developing steadily. The growing volume of car building and the early inquiries on agricultural account have led to the announcement of another \$Z\$ advance in baring the bring the Hardiccks know that they making the price 1.30 cents, delivered at points hearest Valley Mills. This advance, if maintained for sixty days, means a \$4.50 puddling rate October 1st. Fig from prices have been practically at a standstill.

The surprising thing about recent sales of Bessemer iron at Pittsburg and in the valleys, in view of the rapid advances preceding, was the fact that they left the market only slightly higher, \$18.55 to \$14 being valley furnace prices to-day. An actual advance of \$30 cents a ton is reported from Chicago on local foundry irons with southern prices unchanged.

There is a better report concerning take Superior. Figures show that the consumption of that metal in the first half of 1854. Soft steel, like Bessemer plg, has been stationary under receipts at Fitteburg.

The strike in Cloveland and the adjustment of wages at the rod mills means itled a bill in equity in the United States filed a bill in equity in the United States and the second half of 1854. Soft steel, like Bessemer plg, has been stationary under receipts at Fitteburg.

TRADE WITH VENEZUELA.

Great Opportunities Offered This Country

at the Present Time.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—One of the oldest in service and most experienced of our Mr. Plumacher, at Maracaib

great natural resources, and the go-nett would be glad to grant most fo-tible concessions to companies or clausis from the United States who in good faith for that purpose."

AT JACKSON'S HOLE.

JACKSON'S HOLE, WYO. July 30., (by courier to Market Lake, Idaho) July 31.— The United Press representative arrived

JACKS DN'S HOLE, WYO., July 20., the courier to Market Lake, Idaho) July 21.—The United Press representative arrived this evening, and the situation looks very mid. Strange to say, the first persons spoken to in Jackson Hole were not rightened settlers moving out, but a party of Utah people coming in. There are about twenty-five men here now, others being scouting in location of the Indians. The several scouting parties mentioner some threy-five men. WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug L.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Browning this morning received a telegram from Governor Richards, of Wyoming, stating that he had chlable information that 20 locates, supposed to be Utes, were seen yesterday, near South Pass, Frement county, Wyoming, also forty-seven Sloux on Had Water Creek, in the same county, which is the same county were under arms, and had wired him for assistance. The Governor asked that those and all other Indians in Wyoming be recalled to their reservations.

Commissioner Browning promptly telegraphed the agents of Unital and Ouray Indians, in Utah, Lembis, in Idaho, Shoshones, in Wyoming, and the Plus Radge Sloux, in South Dakota, directing them is keep close watch of Indians on their reservations and to bring back all absent ones, he also advised dovernor Recyands of the instructions sent to the agents.

No troubles are expected by bureau officials from the Indians reported by Gov. Ricards. It is thought that they cimply banded together to go to the scene of the trouble out of mere curiosity, just as white people would do if anything of interest happened in their locality, both bands of Indians are now about 150 miles directly east-southeast of Jackson's Hole.

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THE WHITES ARE TO BLAME.

Secretary Ryder's View of the Trouble
With the Bannocks.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Rev. Secretary
Ryder, of the Indian Department of the
American Missionary Association, has
been in correspondence with the Interior
Department concerning the Bannock Indian uprising. As a result of his investigation of the matter, he says:

"If ever in the history of our country, a protest ought to be raised by Christian people against the slaughter of the Indians, it is now. The Bannocks, under

rity, \$1,50,60; debt bearing no interest, Risk 10,107,268,455.
The certificates and Treausury notes, and the certificates and the IT IS IN EXCESS OF THE ABILITY erritory. They were arrested tile being taken to jail sixteen while being taken to fall sixteen of the seventeen were shot down in their tracks, marmed. Those of us who know of the brutal character of many of the white men who live in this western Territory, and their intense hostility to the Indians, have a grave suspicion that this was planned in order to kill the Indians, General Miles has given his testimony that the Baungeks are among the most

General Miles has given his testimany that the Bannocks are among the most peaceful, and, on the whole, one of the best tribes on the prairie. Governor Richards, of Wyoming, should at once enforce the laws against the white men that were the first agressors, and then bring the legal matter his the courts. "If the slayers of Indians are promptly arrested, and the Hannocks know that they will be impartially tried, and severely punished if found guilty, the uprising will at once be at an end." Secretary Ryder says he has received

Under proceedings brought

of the Knoxville Street

THE WHISKY TRUST.

The Litigation Over Reorganization

Byrnes is Not a Gould Satellite.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1—A report has been circulated in effect that ex-Super-intendent of Police Thomas Byrnes had alifed himself with the Gould interests or with the Masouri Pacific Railroad Company, and had taken up quarters in the office of George Gould, in the Western Union building. The ex-Super-intendent, at Red Bank, yesterday, declared the story to be without foundation. He said he had made no business connections, and was simply enjoying the first real vacation he had had in thirty-two years.

Serios Charges Made.

Horr Will Enter Another Debate.

county. Opinion delivered by Judge Keith,

Commonwealth, for, &c. From the Circuit Court of Wythe county, Opinion delivered by Judge Riely, Affirmed.
The express company charged a greater rate for carrying a package than is allowed by section 1215 of the Code of Virginia and the code of the code of

he would mov sixth day of it against the de

National Building and Loan Association against Ashworth. Petition for rehearing denied.

Winfree against Martin. Petition for a writ of error to the Judgment of the Hustings Court of the city of Radford. Petition refused.

Chesapeake Classified Building Association against Coleman, trustee. Petition for an appeal from a decree of the Circuit Court of Norfolk county. Appeal and supersedeas awarded. Bond in the penalty of Store.

State Bank against Blanchard. Petition for an appeal to a decree of the Circuit Court of Chesterdiell county. Appeal and supersedeas awarded. Bond in the penalty of Store.

Walker against Burnett, clerk of Augusta county. Petition for a writ of error to the judgment of Judge McLaughlin refuseing a writ of mandamus. Petition refused.

Roancke Trust, Loan, and Safe Deposit Company against Morton Marye, Auditor, &c. Prayer for injunction refused.

The above cpinions were not read, being handed down, and after passing resolution of respect to the memory of Proterror John B. Minor, the court adjourned over until Friday morning.

SUPREME COURT CASES.

I leaped across the street, and burned Stokes' Hall, the telegraph office, teleschone exchange, offices of the Durham Fertilizer Company, and stores of the Durham Supply Company, while the upper parts of the stores of R. D. Blacknall, Macks & Ellis, and a store were burned. Great quantities of goods were destroyed or damaged by water. There was also a large breakege of plate-glass windows. The fire was under control soon after 3 o'clock. The loss is estimated at a hundred thousand dollars.

Mayor Russ, of Raleigh, to-day received a telegram from Mayor Peay, of Durham, thanking the firemen here for their promptness in responding to a call for aid.

W. G. Burkhead and J. D. Camp to-day proposed to the State Roard of Education to purchase all of the

W. G. Burkhead and J. D. Camp to-day proposed to the State Board of Education to purchase all of the great body of State lands in Columbus and Brunswick counties. There is renewed interest in Brunswick lands now that a railroad is to be built through that county. The heirs of the late Mrs. Mary Smith Morehead, of Raleigh Institute, have entered suit for eight thousand acres of land in Madison county, Illinots, valued at \$30,000. Lawyers say this claim is a sound one, and offer fifty cents on the dollar for the claim. The Smith heirs have already received over two nundred thousand dollars from the estate.

THE NEGROES DESTITUTE.

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No Subscriptions Have Yet Been Started

adition. Samuel Windsor, tive. Florence Chadwick, in very bad beach. Consul Sparks, at Piedras Nethat while rations are being furnished that while rations are being furnished ed Eagle Pass, Texas, they are practically naked. The other three hundred, who have not yet crossed to the United States, have little to eat.

No subscription to furnish these colonists with food and dothing, and transportation to their homes, has been started, and the State bepartment has no funds for the purpose. Many are fill, but are receiving medical attendance rom Assistant Surgeon Teneyck, of the united of their rollef, such sidn pearants.

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DANA DAVENPORT FOUND.

He Was Demented and Went to Scotland Where He was Killed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. I.-A letter eceived at police headquarters this morn-

OFFICERS PUZZLED. The Discovery of Hatch Upsets Sc

Their Theories. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. L-The finding

TOPEKA, KAN., Aug. 1.—The large machine shops of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe, in this city, started at heir 'foll capacity, with a full comple-ient of men yesterday. The increasing usiness of the road bas made it neces-

Leach to be Executed Vext Week,
SENG SING, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Warden
Sage, of Sing Sing prison, said yesterday
that he would send out invitations at
once to the witnesses who are to be
present at the execution of Richard
Leach, who is to pay the penalty in the
electric chair, during the week beginning next Monday. The Warden says
that Leach will be put to death some
time during the period set for his execution, as there is no chance for a stay by
the courts or for Executive elemency.
Leach killed Mary Hope Newkirk, his
mistress, by cutting her throat with a
knife, on November 18, 1894.

Salex of Leaf Tobacco,
DANVILLE, VA., Aug. 1.—Special.—

DANVILLE, VA. Aug. 1.—Special,—Sales of loose leaf tobacco on this murket for July amounted to 2,49,579 points; sales for July, 1884, 4,312,05 pounds; in favor of 1884, 1,851,377 pounds. Sales from October 1, 1894, to August 1, 1894, 32,496,675 pounds; in favor of 1882 and 1894, 1,240,550 pounds.

Telegraph and Telephone Offices Burned
With Other Places of Business.
RALERIGH, N. C., Aug. L.—Special.—At
1 o'clock this morning fire broke out in
Reams' tobacco war-house, at Durham,
and entirely destroyed it, with the stock
of goods stored in its basement. The fire

KIND OF MEN INSURED.

LIST AND CONDITION OF SOME OF THE "DESIRABLE RISKS"

Accepted by the Alleged North Carolina Insurance Conspirators More Explicit Evidence.

MOREHEAD CITY, N. C., Aug. 1 .-The trial of the sensational cases of alleged conspiracy was concluded to-day. The evidence brought out was in tone with that of the day before, but was much more explicit. The following list age named in the policy, and third, the real physical condition of the parties named below, which were all insured for

good amounts:

Hattie A. Davis, 79, 45; Infirm. Sarah
M. Gabriel, very old; 67; Infirm. Shepard
Davis, 79; 56; Infirm. Emma J. Casey,
79; 50; Infirm. Melissa Guthrie, 79; 50;
Infirm. John Boyd, physical wreck.
William J. Rice, said to be a good risk;
Innatic. Mary A. Longhurst, 65, 55; poor
health. William H. Jones, good risk;
consumption. Sarah A. Lewis, over 50;
49. Risanne Washington, 69; 25; laid
up with rheumatism. Samuel Windsor,
S3; 58; Infirm. Thomas Davis, consump-

good amounts:

Down with a Rush and Was Damaged. ROCHESTER, Aug. 1.-John F. Cooley's de-ship did not make a very successful ascent at the picnic of the Caliban Assodation here yesterday. The wind was claim here yestermay.

It went up 300 or 300 feet, and then shot down again with great speed, ploughing a deep hole in the ground, breaking two of its spars in the descent, and otherwise damaging the ship quite badly. Mr. Cooley is not a bit discouraged by this failure, having sent the model up four times before, and knows that it works all right on a calm day.

He is confident that the big ship now being built from this model will be successful, and he says it will be able to weather any gale, being larger and heaver. He intends to make the first trial trip in it inside of three weeks.

He will depend for his power upon a specially-constructed electric motor of five-horse power, weighing sixty pounds. The ship will be 300 feet long, and will, the inventor claims, carry six people. Nobody has yet volunteered to accompany Mr. Cooley on the trial trip. lowing a gale, and proved to be too much

AN ENORMOUS DEATH RATE. Out of 7,305 Cases of Cholera in Japan, 60

Per Cent. Prove Fatal. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL, Aug. 1. (Correspondence of the United Press, per steam r China).—Tokio, July 29.—Cholara continues to rend Japan. Returie now show that twenty-seven places are infected. Up to the 17th of July the total number of cases had been 7,306, of which 1,276 had proven fatal. A death rate of 60 per cent. From this, there can be no doubt that the types are very virulent, and in view of that fact the success attained up to the present in preventing the spread of the epidemic and curbing its ravages, reflects high credit on the santiary precautions of the Japanese authorities. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 1. (Cor-

MARRIED HIS NIECE.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Aug. I.—The neighborhood of Jewell, Anne Arun'iel county, is somewhat distorted at the announcement that one of its residents had married his own niece. The coronomy is said to have been performed by a minister at Upper Marthoror, Prince Georges county, where the license had been procured. The bride is eighteen and the groom forty years old. When questioned as to the propriety of marrying his niece, the groom produced the marriage certificate, saying. "The minister married us and here is the certificate." About fifteen years ago a man in the same listrict was united in marriage to his niece and the marriage was afterwide legalized by the Maryland Legislature. teen-A Similar Case.

An Alleged Victim of Hypnotism.

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PORTLAND, ORE, Aug. 1.—Doille Agnew, the young woman confined in the county jail on the charge of larceny—only one of many similar previous escapades—made the startling claim that she is subject to hypotic influence. She claims that William Woodward forces her to steal in spite of herself. When released here, she is to be taken to Tacoma to answer charges of wholesaie thievery from lodging-houses and hotels, and her friends will endeavor to show in defence that the young woman's criminal career of the past two years is due to the peculiar power exercised over her by Woodward, her accomplice in some of the robberies. She is an intelligent young woman, and claims that her father, whoke name is unknown, is a banker and exalderman, of Chicago. Dollie would have been placed in the penitentiary for the greater part of her life months ago had it not been for the sympathy in her behalf exerted by the authorities to good effect. Wherever she shops, the woman never leaves unless she obtains a goodly ancount of pelf. She earnestly declares that she means to be good, and would not do wrong but for Woodward's power, which she says, has driven her into troubel again and again.

Her stenlings here and on the Sound angregate thousands of dollars.

Tallors Carrying Their Point.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Both the tailors and contractors engaged in the great strike continue to state their determination of making no concessions. At the headquarters of the Contractors' Association, it was predicted this morning that the strike would probably continue a month longer, and that the striking tailors would be unable to held out for that length of time. The tailors say the strike will be over in a week. The contractors, meanwhile, continue to sign the new agreement. Fully 3,000 tailors have returned to work upon their own terms.

WEATHER FORECAST. WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug, L.-For Virginia: Generally fair: probably alight-ly warmer; westerly winds. For North Carolina: Showers in east-ern, fair in western portions; north to northeasterly winds.

RANGE OF THERMOMETER. Pollowing was the range of the thermometer at The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 71: 12 M., 75: 3 P. M., 78: 6 P. M., 78: 9 P. M., 76; midnight, 68. Average, 74 1-2.